GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1888
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Misuse of SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints with regard to misuse of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act to settle personal scores;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of such cases reported and the action taken against the complainants in case conviction is not proved in the court during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the aforesaid Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): As per information provided by National Crime Records Bureau (N.C.R.B), specific information is not maintained by them.

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(c) & (d) : The object of the Prevention of Atrocities (PoA) Act is to prevent the commission of offences of atrocities against members of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), it would not be in consonance with the intent of the Act to provide for punishment for members of SCs and STs for falsely implicating the accused. There is presently no proposal to consider amendment in the PoA Act in this regard.

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